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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	08/999,690
Filing Date	September 8, 1997
First Named Inventor	Walter H. Günzburg
Group Art Unit	1633
Examiner Name	D. Clark
Attorney Docket Number	2316.1003-000 (GSF97-03A)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. [ ] Previously submitted

- i. [ ] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ]. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. [ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ ].
- iii. [ ] Other -- [ ].

b. [X] Enclosed

- i. [X] Amendment
- ii. [X] Exhibit A and Exhibit B
- iii. [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/ Form PTO-1449 and Cited Reference(s) (Pending Application(s) and Reference(s) AV2, AP, AQ, AL2, AM2, AN2 and AO2)
- iv. [X] Other -- Petition for Extension of Time (Four Month) and Amendment Fee Letter w/ Copy.

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. [ ] Other -- [ ].

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this statement is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	01 FC:179	710.00 OP
ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	02 FC:103	468.00 OP
iii. [X] Other -- Amendment Fee.	03 FC:102	160.00 OP

b. [X] Check in the amount of \$2,728.00 enclosed, which includes the fee for RCE (\$710.00), Four Month Extension of Time (\$1,390.00), and Amendment (\$628.00).

c. [ ] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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